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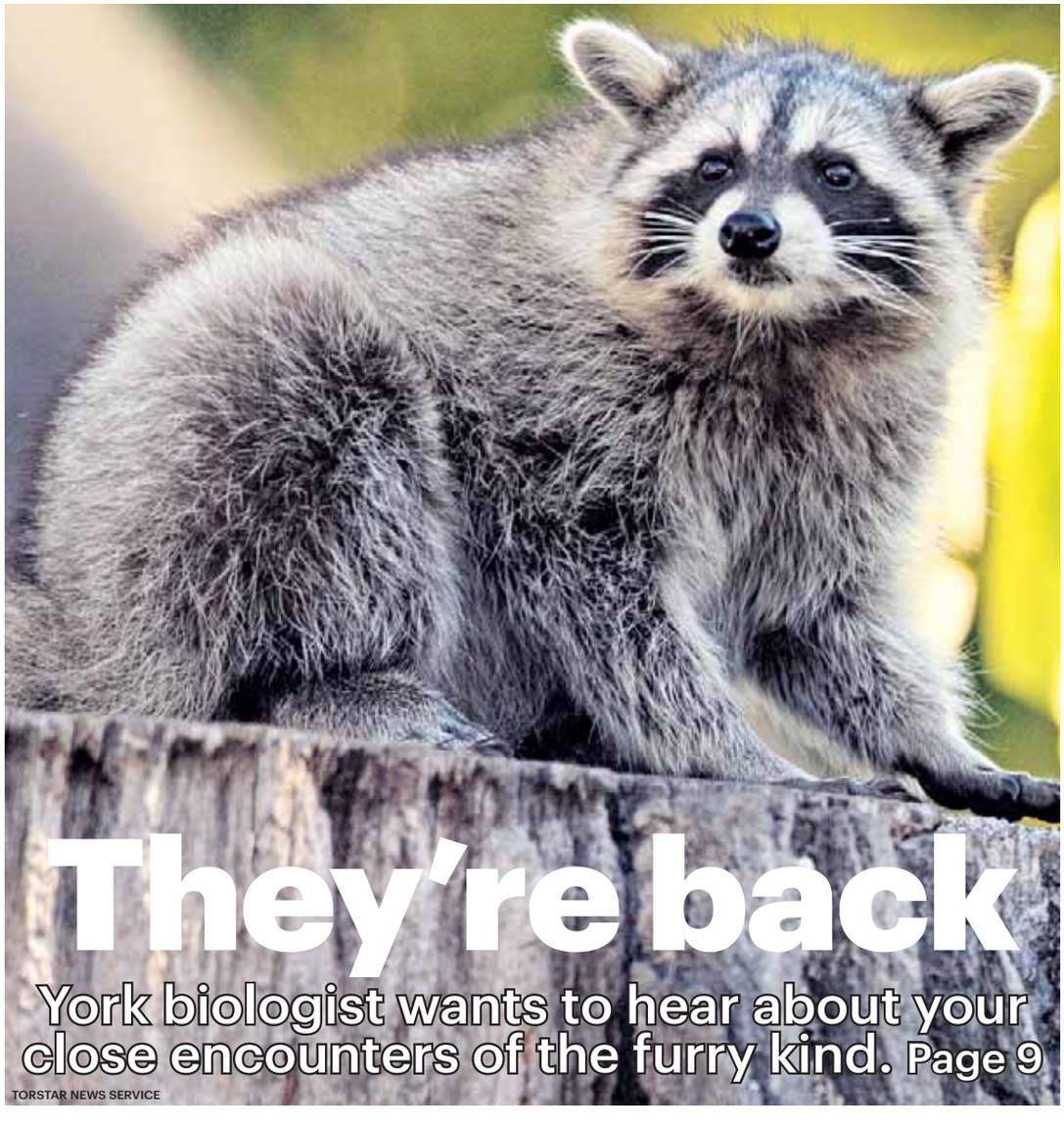

They're back

York biologist wants to hear about your close encounters of the furry kind. Page 9

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T.O. plane lands hard

HALIFAX

More than 20 injured when flight hits short of the runway

A plane hit the ground hard Sunday after flying from Toronto to Halifax, but the consequences could have been worse.

The Air Canada plane that crashed at the Halifax airport was about 335 metres short of the runway before it hit an antenna array, which ripped off its main landing gear, the Transportation Safety Board said on Sunday.

The aircraft also lost one of its two engines and left a trail of debris as it skidded along the asphalt for another 335 metres early Sunday morning before it came to a stop, said Mike Cunningham, the agency's regional manager of air investigations.

"Obviously, it's too early to draw any conclusions about this occurrence. These things are always very complex," Cunningham said. "This type of event is on the TSB's watch list and so it's a very great concern to us and we'll be putting our maximum effort into determining what happened."

Air Canada Flight 624 left Toronto just before 9 p.m. Saturday carrying 133 passengers and five crew members. It landed in the midst of a snowstorm at 12:43 a.m., Air Canada said.

Klaus Goersch, the company's chief operating officer, said earlier in the day the two pilots flying the plane circled above Halifax Stanfield International Airport before concluding the conditions were suitable for landing. "It was safe to fly in this weather," Goersch said. "The weather was appropriate for landing."

> **We were just coming in to land and there was a big flash. The plane came down, bang!**
> Passenger Randy Hall, of Mount Uniake, N.S.

There was conflicting information on the number of people injured. Air Canada and the airport said 23 people were taken to hospital, but Goersch later said 25 were hospitalized and all but one of them were released. None of the injuries were considered life-threatening, Air Canada said.

Dominic Stettler of Wolfville, N.S., said people on board the plane responded calmly.

"I thought everyone was very level-headed," he said. "A lot of good-hearted Nova Scotians."

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Pan Am hopefuls strut stuff

AUDITIONS

Hundreds eye spots in Games' ceremonies

In a second-floor gym at Ryerson University, a room full of Pan Am Games hopefuls arranged themselves before a panel of judges, hoping to show enough talent to make the cut.

At stake were spots for jobs in the Games' various ceremonies, like carrying placards in the parade of nations or at medal presentations. But as Bruno Mars' Uptown Funk thumped over loudspeakers, the prospects confronted a dilemma.

Clap on the upbeat, or the downbeat?

They wound up clapping on all four, or at least trying to.

Organizers hoped to fill roughly 600 spots on Sunday. Rhythm isn't required for the job, but it's preferred. Organizers were more concerned with personality and presence than with looks and age. As event producer Carlos Patino pointed out, youth is a number while youthfulness is an outlook that transcends age.

He said successful candidates need not be young as long as their attitude was youthful.

"We want someone that's confident in a strange situation, who can come out of their shell," Patino said. "We need someone who can move, who doesn't have two left feet. And we want a diverse Toronto, a multicultural Toronto."

> **"It's one of those once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.**
> Robyn Deverett

The people chosen from among Sunday's daylong audition sessions will be busy when the Games arrive in July. In addition to the opening ceremonies, Pan Am organizers need volunteers for the closing gala and the opening ceremony of the ParaPan Am Games, which kicks off 12 days after Pan Am ends.

Hopefuls who showed up spanned age, ethnicity and ability, which is just what organizers had hoped for. One woman proudly proclaimed she was 56 years old, another auditioned in a wheelchair and another had purple streaks in her grey hair.

When asked to address the judges, participants listed off languages they spoke along with various countries of origin.

Elizabeth Bravo moved here from Venezuela three years ago, while her sister, Ana, arrived in Canada just last week. Both are Zumba instructors who hope even a small spot on the Pan Am games stage will add some fun to their summer.

Robyn Deverett, a physiotherapist from Thornhill, said: "Everyone's so enthusiastic and it just feels like something special that I really would love to be a part of."

Pan Am organizers promised to notify successful competitors within two weeks.

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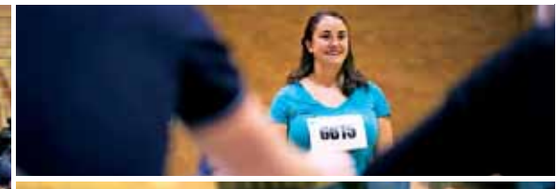
Hundreds of hopefuls were at Ryerson University on Sunday auditioning for a spot in the Pan Am Games. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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5 GTA LOCALES FOR DANIEL NORRIS TO PARK HIS VAN

Luke Simcoe
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Toronto Blue Jays top prospect, pitcher Daniel Norris, lives in a Volkswagen van parked at a Florida Walmart, reads Kerouac and trims his beard with an axe.

He also throws a 96 mph fastball.

The 21-year-old pitching phenom stands a good chance of making the Jays starting lineup this spring. While his coaches don't care what he reads or how he shaves, he has promised to move out of his cherished van and into a teammate's house when he arrives in Toronto.

To welcome Norris to town, Metro has compiled a list of places where he might be able to park the Volkswagen — which he's named "Shaggy" after the Scooby-Doo character — and get a night or two of quality van time.

THE SPOTS

GETTY IMAGES

1 ROGERS CENTRE PARKING LOT

According to Blue Jays' spokesman Jay Stenhouse, "all the players have a spot they can park their cars in." Stenhouse wouldn't comment on whether it would be all right for Norris to sleep there, but it's certainly the closest option.

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3 THE TORONTO ISLANDS

Norris's Twitter feed is full of pictures of him and his van relaxing on the beach. Based on his love of the land and organic food, it sounds like he'd fit right in among the hippies at Hanlan's Point. Plus, he'd get to drink in a relaxing ferry ride on his way back to the mainland.

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4 ROUGE PARK

The only campground inside the city limits, it offers full-service campsites for RV users. Norris is an ardent environmentalist, so we're sure he would appreciate many of the conservation efforts going on around the park.

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2 PEARSON AIRPORT

Long-term parking is available at Pearson for only $15 a day. That's certainly a viable option for a player who — despite his $2 million signing bonus — tries to live on only $800 a month.

The Blue Jays' Daniel Norris. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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5 SCARBOROUGH BLUFFS

Stunning views and easy access to the beach. If there's a better home for Shaggy in Toronto, we can't think of one.

Wherever Norris decides to park, we would advise him to winterize his camper — Toronto is certainly not Florida — and obey the rules around parking and permits, lest he run afoul of the law.

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MOURNING

Oakville town councillor Max Khan dies

Max Khan TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Friends, colleagues and residents across Oakville have been left reeling from news that Max Khan, an Oakville town councillor and the federal Liberal candidate for Oakville North-Burlington, died in hospital this weekend, according to Oakville Mayor Rob Burton. He was 46.

Khan represented Ward 6 in Oakville, which he shared with Coun. Tom Adams. Adams said Khan died early Sunday morning. He worked with the town of Oakville for nine years, having been elected for his third term on council last year.

"I learned of it late, late last night and I understand he went into Oakville Trafalgar Hospital around 7 o'clock and passed away just a little after midnight," Adams told Torstar News Service.

Adams said Khan had been feeling ill and had gone to hospital for pneumonia-like symptoms.

Mayor Burton, who had driven to the hospital to be with Khan's family members, issued a statement on Facebook early Sunday morning.

"My grief and sense of loss are profound," he said.

Burton met Khan when the two men were running for council in 2006, and described the veteran of Oakville politics as a "tireless tiger in defence of Oakville's residents."

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The scene at Dundas station Sunday. An advocacy group wants to make sure this station, and all the others, are safer.
LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Group takes on violence

SOLUTIONS

Volunteers to address safety issues facing women, youth

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto advocacy group is launching a big effort with the aim of reducing violence against women and youth.

The Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence — or METRAC — is pulling together a task force on community safety. The group, which will be made up of volunteers, will meet monthly to identify safety concerns across the city and present solutions to civic leaders.

A few high-profile members, including Ward 19 Coun. Mike Layton, are already on board, but METRAC is looking for representation from other parts of the city, as well as from professions ranging from urban planners to police.

"Everyone is an expert in their own sense of safety, so everyone has something to bring to the conversation," said Anoodth Naushan, METRAC's community safety co-ordinator.

Along with focusing on women and young people, the group will be looking to make university campuses safer.

"We've been talking a lot about violence against women, but the facts stay the same," Naushan said.

By bringing together representatives from law enforcement, city hall and local communities, Naushan believes the safety committee will be better able to effect change.

"Sometimes when we do this work, we produce a report and there's not that much action taken," she said. "We're hoping to change that."

Formed in 1989, METRAC has championed a number of tangible safety improvements across Toronto.

For example, the group pushed the TTC to include designated waiting areas with phones and cameras on subway platforms and was the driving force behind the TTC's stop request program.

METRAC also helped the city design its safety standards for streetlights and signage, Naushan said.

1 in 5

The number of women who will experience sexual assault as a student.
METRAC

IN BRIEF

Province awards $859.2M for GO train storage shed

In preparation for its regional express rail expansion, the province has awarded an $859.2-million contract to build, design and maintain a new GO train maintenance and storage shed in Whitby.

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A small group of young professionals is dancing its way to a million dollars for SickKids Hospital.

Dancers For Cancer, a volunteer-based group passionate about dancing and creative arts, is committed to raising $1-million by November. The funds will help the hospital renovate its Marnie's Studio and the Child Life Programming Fund.

"For us it is about art, passion and the drive to make a change and give back to the community," said Jenny Bowser, chair and co-founder of Dancers For Cancer.

"We only started a few months ago but the experience is humbling and inspiring for other young people."

Bowser, who works for a law firm in Toronto, decided to turn her guns against cancer some eight years ago when her aunt lost the battle to cancer. Many of her colleagues in the group have similar stories, and it's mainly where they draw inspiration to raise funds for causes such as this, she said.

"I know my aunt would have done this 10 times more," she said of their campaign.

To help them achieve their target, the group has divided the campaign into phases. Each time they hit a target — which they've exceeded since taking off — they come together to celebrate the achievement and recommit to working even harder, Bowser said.

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On Friday they'll celebrate achieving the $100,000 milestone, attributing their success to the support of companies, corporations and philanthropic individuals that have donated to their cause, she said.

The renovation is expected to increase patient and family use of the space at the Marnie's Studio by 80 per cent, improve its therapeutic capacity and, basically, help sick kids "be kids within a hospital setting," she said.

IN BRIEF

Police make arrest in Brampton stabbing

Peel paramedics say a male has been transported to Etobicoke General Hospital with serious injuries after a reported stabbing in Brampton this afternoon.

Medics say the patient's injuries are serious but non-life-threatening.

According to police, one suspect has been taken into custody. Officers believe there could be another suspect involved in the stabbing.

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AJAX FIRE

Man's body found in burned Ajax house

A man's body was discovered at a house in Ajax after firefighters knocked down a blaze that had fully engulfed the home early Sunday morning.

Emergency personnel were called to a house on Rideout Street to battle a house fire just after 6:15 a.m., according to Durham Regional Police.

Investigators believe the fire started in the basement, but the house was "fully engulfed" as firefighters fought the blaze on the residential street.

Ajax Fire Services found the man and the body of a dog once the fire was extinguished. Police said the man has not been identified.

Staff Sgt. Vince D'Amico confirmed one other person was home at the time of the early-morning fire, but was able to escape.

According to Durham police, no foul play is suspected at this time. The Office of the Fire Marshal is investigating the blaze.

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Researcher hails return of raccoons

WILDLIFE

Professor collecting data to see if city has a problem

Orphaned baby raccoons play in an outdoor enclosure at Procyon Wildlife in Beeton, Ont. JIM RANKIN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

You've heard the blood-curdling screams, you've seen their beady eyes in the night, you know it's true: the raccoons are back.

Along with the arrival of squirrels and robins, spring heralds the return of Toronto's favourite menace, the raccoon. The nocturnal carnivore has been a source of consternation for years, with sightings covering the city from end to end.

Recently, councillors such as Rob Ford and David Shiner have denounced the city's raccoon problem, and some civilians have advocated for euthanasia. But for one local biologist, the furry bandits are a source of fascination, not worry.

"The fact that they live with us so well and thrive in urban environments … they really are a very interesting species," said Suzanna MacDonald, an animal behaviour researcher and professor at York University who studies raccoons.

MacDonald is one of the world's leading experts on the critters, but she's hoping to expand her research to include humans. She's created an online survey to poll Torontonians about their close encounters (and concerns) of the furry kind. "We really don't know if there is a raccoon problem, there is no data on that," she said.

Specifically, she hopes to learn what areas of the city are most affected and what factors (like pets) may lead to more frequent encounters. She hopes to share the data with the city, so officials can tackle the problem — if there is one — rationally.

Raccoons are nocturnal scavengers, MacDonald said, who thrive by living close to their main food supply — people. Mostly, they root through garbage bins, but if you leave your screen door open, they might just be bold enough to loot your kitchen, too.

"It's been such a terrible winter that they're really, really hungry. They're on the verge of starvation," MacDonald said, adding that because of this, now is the time when people might notice the most mayhem.

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FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE FURRY BANDITS

1. City raccoons are smarter than their country cousins: MacDonald said that raccoons in cities are smarter than their rural relatives, because they've adapted to human challenges. The more obstacles we throw in their path, the better they get at overcoming them. "We're creating the perfect little raccoon," she said. "It's an evolutionary arms race."

2. There's way more of them than you think: Some estimate about 100 raccoons per square kilometre, but Macdonald said that's probably a bit low. She said that contrary to popular belief, raccoons aren't lonesome animals, and if you think you have one, you probably have 10.

3. Raccoons are the monkeys of the GTA: With their crafty little hands and clever brains, raccoons act a lot like primates in more tropical climates. As carnivores, they're more closely related to cats and dogs than squirrels, MacDonald said. "If they confront cats, cats generally win," she said.

4. How did the raccoon cross the road? It didn't: Raccoons have no predators, MacDonald said, except cars. But through studying the creatures, she has learned that raccoons are smart enough to rarely cross major roadways, and mostly spend their whole lives in their (our) neighbourhoods. "They're using fences as highways, and they're all on the highway at the same time," she said.

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‘Transit crisis’ in Etobicoke

TRANSPORTATION

Group gets ready to petition city

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A grassroots project is advocating for improved transit services in Etobicoke.

Our Place Initiative (OPI) is in consultations with area residents, gathering ideas to draw up a petition to be presented to the city and seek action on better public transportation services.

“Etobicoke is very poorly serviced in transit, and also very overlooked both in regional media and at city council,” said Murray Foster, field director of OPI, decrying lack of awareness on the issue.

“There’s a transit crisis in Etobicoke that no money is going toward now, and that has to be part of the conversation as well.”

As discussions continue on whether to build a subway line or an LRT in Scarborough, people in Etobicoke feel they are being left out when it comes to planning for transit, said Fraser.

Etobicoke residents are shown in recent group discussions as they consult with Our Place Initiative, a grassroots project advocating for transit improvements. CONTRIBUTED

“Scarborough wants it, Scarborough gets it,” he said. “Etobicoke has nowhere near that kind of attention, even though transit needs are nearly as big.”

He said the group started by canvassing public opinions in the area, knocking on “thousands of doors” and talking to people.

Transit emerged as the number one priority issue for residents, and that’s why a petition is needed, he said.

Ward 6 Coun. Mark Grimes recently moved a motion at city council asking the Toronto Transit Commission to improve streetcar services in the area known as the Humber Bay Shores, and to consider including those changes into the 2016 TTC capital budget.

Fraser said the group supports that motion, which is intended to reduce the commuters’ waiting time and help avoid delays in services.

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“This motion is a bit overdue,” he said, adding that other local transportation advocates also support it.

“If you live in downtown Toronto, you are in some sort of a bubble and would never know how bad transit was in a place like Etobicoke.”

The group’s next consultation meeting with residents is April 2, and the petition is expected to be presented to TTC and city council shortly thereafter, Fraser said.

STRIKE

Staff, York U reach tentative contract

Teaching assistants and contract staff at Toronto’s York University have reached a tentative deal with the university and will likely vote on the offer Monday night.

Faiz Ahmed of the Canadian Union of Public Employees says the tentative deal was reached on Sunday after weeks of negotiations. He says he is “extremely confident” that union members will vote to accept the deal.

The university’s 3,700 teaching assistants and graduate assistants have been on strike for almost a month. He says the university has agreed to a tuition reduction for international graduate students, as well as increasing the overall funding package for graduate assistants by $2,000 and to freeze tuition for the length of the collective agreement.

Ahmed also says the university has agreed to tie wages to tuition, meaning if tuition were to increase in future years wages would as well. He calls it a “major deal” that would set new standards for the academic sector.

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Jet-setting pair wage divorce fight after alleged affair

In Sarah Pursglove's own words, she lived a "luxurious and privileged lifestyle" during her marriage to Robert Oesterlund.

That would not be an exaggeration.

The European couple, who made their fortune primarily through Internet ventures, and their two children travelled often — usually aboard their private jet and three yachts — to Puerto Rico, Florida, Tokyo, St. Maarten and other destinations.

They shopped at high-end stores, drove luxury vehicles, including Volvos and Mercedes, hired personal trainers and private tutors for the kids, were members of Toronto's Granite Club, and bought lavish properties around the world.

Pursglove says she and Oesterlund were worth more than $400 million. The crown jewel of their wealthy matrimonial life was attained in 2011, when the couple decided to settle down in Toronto and purchased the $30-million penthouse at the Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences, the most expensive condominium in the country.

But just months before the sale closed last April, Pursglove, 45, alleges in court documents that she learned Oesterlund, 42, had a continued affair with another woman, a Toronto-based interior designer named Azadeh Banai.

"My only comment here is that these allegations are false," Banai told the Torstar News Service in an email. "There was no 'continued affair,' as I met Robert (Oesterlund) just after his separation from Ms. Pursglove in February 2014. Robert is a wonderful person and anyone who has ever met him would also agree that the allegations made against him are also incorrect."

Since the separation, Pursglove and Oesterlund have been waging an international, high-stakes court battle not only over custody of their children, but over the treasures Pursglove says they scored in 16 years of marriage — most notably the penthouse, a 9,038-square-foot palatial suite on the top of the 55-storey building at Bay Street and Yorkville Avenue.

Both parties want a divorce and an equalization of net family property — essentially splitting it in half. At issue is the size of the estate to be split.

Pursglove has indicated in affidavits she believes the couple was worth about $415 million.

In his own affidavits, Oesterlund has denied Pursglove's allegations, including that he is concealing assets through a complex web of trusts, corporate entities and offshore bank accounts.

None of the allegations has been proven in court.

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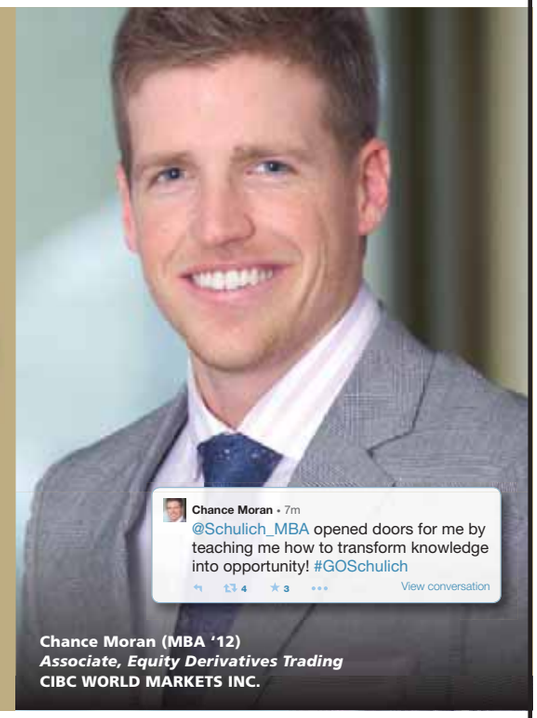
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U of T ready to face Grand Challenges

ENGINEERING

School answers Obama's call for solutions to pressing issues

Cristina Amon, centre, chats with two U of T engineering students. She's leading the school to tackle the White House's Grand Challenges. COURTESY ROBERT BAKER

The University of Toronto is the sole Canadian school among more than 100 taking on the Grand Challenges of the 21st century, issued by the White House.

At his office's Science Fair last week, U.S. President Barack Obama challenged engineering schools to train and graduate a generation of engineers equipped with specific skills to tackle some of the most pressing global issues of the century.

"In our teachings, we have already incorporated many of the innovative components that are needed to tackle some of the global challenges," said Cristina Amon, dean of the faculty of applied science and engineering at U of T. She is one of 122 heads of engineering schools and departments who signed the letter of commitment.

These Grand Challenges were identified through the White House Strategy for American Innovation, the National Academy of Engineering and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

They include, among other things, engineering better medications, making solar energy cost-competitive with coal, securing cyberspace and advancing personalized learning tools to deliver better education to more individuals. This can only be achieved through increasing hands-on and experiential learning for students, said Amon.

"This is a very rich forum to share experiences and to learn from others," she said. "It is also, in my view, a recognition of quality education of our engineering program here at U of T."

Each participating school is in the process of defining and setting goals, as well as consulting on how to achieve those targets, she said. U of T will be drawing and expanding on its existing specific programs, she said. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

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Ottawa kept an eye on a wide range of protests

CIVIL RIGHTS

Agency received reports on over 160 events

What do Canadian veterans, advocates for the disabled and the country's largest union have in common? Their activities were monitored and reported on by police and government agencies over the last year.

Documents show the Government Operations Centre (GOC) received reports on more than 160 protests, community events and demonstrations between May 2014 and February 2015. The RCMP, Public Safety Canada and the Privy Council Office prepared reports for the GOC — which co-ordinates the federal government's response to national emergencies and natural disasters.

While much of the monitoring focused on First Nations causes and environmental activism, the GOC showed a diverse set of interests, including:

- A rally on Parliament Hill pushing for better benefits for Canadian veterans
- A "die-in" protesting police brutality against black Americans, including vigils for Ferguson, Mo., shooting victim Michael Brown organized by the Black Lives Matter movement
- An event called Paddle for Peace in Fort St. Jean, B.C., where the report noted "public order issues are not expected"
- Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care's national day of action
- An "interfaith peace demonstration" in Mississauga
- The RCMP also reported on the Occupy movement in B.C.'s efforts to reach out to like-minded groups to "face the Industrial Hydra" (The intelligence looks to have come from a Facebook posting)

The documents show police and government agencies have been active on Facebook, reporting on protest plans organized through social media. One report to the centre dealt with a potential "cyber protest" aimed at the oil-and-gas industry.

Ret. Maj. Mark Campbell talks to reporters during a war veterans rally on Parliament Hill in June 2014. Documents show the rally was one of more than 160 protests, demonstrations and community events that attracted the attention of a federal government agency. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The GOC was established by the former Liberal government in 2004. It was meant to provide 24/7 monitoring and "situational awareness" to government departments about potential or actual hazards on a national scale. But Wayne Easter, a former solicitor general and the Liberal MP who obtained the documents, said the agency seems to have strayed from its original mandate.

"They're supposed to be there in terms of co-ordinating operations for the safety and security of Canadians and the need for an initial response to, whether it's a natural disaster or a man-made disaster, in the most effective and efficient way possible," Easter said Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ANTI-TERROR

Concerns over Bill C-51

Activists have raised concerns the Conservative government's new anti-terror law, Bill C-51, would allow CSIS even greater powers to spy on their activities. Meanwhile, Conservative MPs have repeatedly said that "lawful" protests do not fall under C-51's purview. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Syrian air defences a concern, experts say

Military planners are preoccupied by issues such as how to avoid missile batteries and navigate Syria's defensive radar system, as Parliament debates the merits of expanding and extending Canada's Middle East mission.

Scant attention has been paid to the nature of what pilots are being asked to do and the risks they'll face.

Syrian extremists won't have much in the way of air defences. But the mission — bombing targets belonging to the militant group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) — is unprecedented in that Canadian jets are being deployed with no effort to suppress or destroy potential anti-aircraft threats, experts say.

The opening shots of allied air forces in Libya, Kosovo and Iraq during the first Gulf War were always directed at taking down an air-defence network. In Syria, that consists of at least 131 active surface-to-air missile sites. Destroying that network is not part of the mission. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pastor stands by co-pilot, family

FLIGHT 9525

Andreas Lubitz's hometown shocked

The pastor of the Lutheran church in Andreas Lubitz's hometown said Sunday that the community stands by him and his family, despite the fact that prosecutors blame the 27-year-old co-pilot for causing the plane crash that killed 150 people in southern France.

The town of Montabaur has been rattled by the revelation that Lubitz, who first learned to fly at a nearby glider club, may have intentionally caused Tuesday's crash of Germanwings Flight 9525.

"For us, it makes it particularly difficult that the only victim from Montabaur is suspected to have caused this tragedy, this crash — although this has not been finally confirmed, but a lot is indicating that — and we have to face this," pastor Michael Dietrich said.

He spoke to The Associated Press after holding a church service Sunday to commemorate the crash victims and support their families.

"The co-pilot, the family belong to our community, and we stand by this, and we embrace them and will not hide this, and want to support the family in particular," Dietrich said.

He added that there is no direct contact with the family at the moment, but that he believes they are receiving good assistance.

French prosecutors haven't questioned the family yet "out of decency and respect for their pain," Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin said.

Authorities are trying to understand what made Lubitz lock his fellow pilot out of the cockpit and ignore his pleas to open the door before slamming the plane into a mountain on what should have been a routine flight from Barcelona to Duesseldorf.

Tests on the body of the co-pilot may provide clues on any medical treatment he was receiving. Germany prosecutors said Friday that Lubitz was hiding an illness and sick notes for the day of the crash from his employer.

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> Michael Dietrich, pastor of the Lutheran church in Andreas Lubitz's hometown

TUNISIA LEADING SUSPECT IN MUSEUM ATTACK KILLED IN ANTI-TERRORISM RAIDS: PRIME MINISTER A protester holds a placard reading "All together against terrorism" and Tunisian flags, during a anti-extremism march, in Tunis, Sunday. Tens of thousands of Tunisians from across the political spectrum marched through the capital Sunday to denounce extremist violence after a deadly museum attack on foreign tourists. Hours ahead of the rally, security forces killed nine terrorist suspects in raids around the country.

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IN BRIEF

Socialists lose to mainstream right in French elections

Former President Nicolas Sarkozy blasted the "lies, denial and impotence" of France's governing Socialists after estimates showed his conservative party and their allies chalked up wins across France in Sunday's local elections that saw the left lose half of its councils. The far-right National Front edged forward in its bid to create an army of grassroots support.

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Military strikes to continue in Yemen: Leaders

A two-day Arab summit ended Sunday with a vow to defeat Iranian-backed Shiite rebels in Yemen and the formal unveiling of plans to form a joint Arab intervention force, setting the stage for a potentially dangerous clash between U.S.-allied Arab states and Tehran over influence in the region.

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RETAIL

Future Shop's closure doesn't spell end of tech stores: Expert

The elimination of the Future Shop brand may be the end of an era for the once-successful Canadian retailer, but it does not foretell the end for standalone electronics stores, says one business expert.

Mark Satov says closing Future Shop was an "inevitable" move for Best Buy which bought the Canadian retailer in 2001. "Best Buy is a big U.S. brand, so if they had to shutter one brand in Canada it would certainly be Future Shop," said Satov, a business adviser on customer strategy with Satov Consultants in Toronto.

Best Buy Canada announced on Saturday the closure of 66 Future Shop locations in Canada, with the remaining 65 to be rebranded as Best Buy.

Satov says while electronics are often purchased online, he predicts customers will continue to value stores on the ground. "If you are retaining bricks-and-mortar it's going after a different segment, it's providing a different experience, making sure to have the expertise and other things in the store that you just can't get online," said Satov.

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Crowdsourcing holds health key

FIRST NATIONS

Thinkers challenged to find solution to health care

A long and dark list materializes when tabulating the health problems plaguing First Nations communities across Canada: HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, nutritional deficits, alcohol and drug dependency, suicide. Some innovative thinkers say they believe a brilliant solution could cost as little as $25,000.

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Calgary-based MNP LLP has adopted a strategy that's also being used by Google as it tries to send a robot to the moon — combining crowdsourcing and cash incentives to find solutions. The firm is putting up just $25,000 as first prize, and two smaller prizes of $5,000, for the best ideas that will be judged by a panel of health experts and its own representative. The challenge is dubbed Operation Blue Sky.

First Nations health advisers say the avant-garde use of crowdsourcing, referring to the process of soliciting a multitude of micro-ideas using the expansive reach of 21st century communications, is a first for aboriginal health care in Canada.

Clayton Norris, an executive with MNP, said his firm was inspired to try something different, by the online platform that's hosting the challenge. The company, called HeroX, is a for-profit spinoff of the XPrize Foundation, which is running Google's higher-stakes $30-million competition urging teams to design a cheap lunar robot by the end of 2016.

Norris said the competition stems from MNP's desire to give back to its clients — more than 150 First Nations across the country. The deadline for proposals is Aug. 12. Anyone can submit a solution, although the firm is encouraging entries from aboriginal Canadians who already have some experience providing community health care. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Time for some real ideas on making T.O. a "music city"

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

The two most recent Toronto mayors have made the trek to sunny Austin, Tex., for the South by Southwest music festival. Coming back, both ex-mayor Rob Ford and Mayor John Tory — who made the trip earlier this month — have talked about making Toronto a "music city."

I'm not sure I get what that means.

Don't get me wrong. I've got nothing against mayors taking trips. It's how they learn what other cities are doing successfully. And I've got nothing against cultural ambition — we need it.

But this sort of ambition too often ends up producing vague outcomes: handshakes, photo ops, maybe a concert in city hall's council chambers featuring awkward dancing politicians.

Enough. If Toronto is going to be a music city like Austin, it's time for city hall to start talking about some concrete ideas to make that happen. The musical talent is already here — politicians generally just need to get better at letting people hear it.

Here's a few ideas that could help with that:

Get smarter about closing streets: I hope Tory noticed Austin's music festival comes with a web of major street closures. That's no coincidence. If a city wants to be a good host for cultural activities, it needs to be willing to turn over its streets to cultural activities.

But Toronto tends to do street closures poorly – or not at all. The city would be better to clean up some central streets and designate them for routine closures, creating cultural corridors that can be routinely used for city-wide festivals.

Fix last call at bars: Concerts are a late-night activity, but Toronto doesn't do late night too well.

It remains a frustration that the TTC stops running subway service at 1:30 a.m.

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while Toronto bars don't announce last call until 2 a.m. The result is jammed streets and packed late-night buses, and probably some unsafe driving, too.

A quick fix would be for city hall to match the end of weekend subway service to at least last call. Heck, maybe even 30 minutes after.

Let places get loud: The residential population in downtown Toronto has exploded in recent years, but too often people who say they crave the hustle and bustle of the big city end up opposing the hustle and circulating petitions to stop the bustle.

As a result, Toronto's condo boom risks squeezing out venues, as concerns about noise lead to restrictive bylaws and local objections to places that play live music.

This isn't an easy nut to crack.

It'll involve some heated discussions about zoning, permits and licensing and balancing neighbourhood uses. But it needs to be a big part of the conversation — you can't have a music city if there's no place left to play.

Matt Elliott lives and writes in Toronto. Follow him on Twitter @GraphicMatt

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

What is the bigger vision for our post-secondary institutions?

More and more, our post-secondary institutions are behaving like private — rather than public — enterprises, and it's students who are propping them up.

The ones benefitting, however, are university bigwigs.

Their salaries are routinely grabbing headlines, like UBC president Stephen Toope's $536,196, making him the top paid among post-secondary employees in B.C. last year, according to media reports. University of Alberta president Indira Samarasekera was criticized for her $529,000 salary in 2013. And just last week, we learned Western University president Amit Chakma earned an incredible $924,000 last year. Relax, Western countered: It's really only a $440,000 salary. Chakma got a two-for-one last year because he was owed a paid year of leave. Yeah, right. Job perks are not an excuse — they're part of the problem. And close to half a million dollars is still too high.

Don't give me the bull that you need to attract talent. A prestigious job with the ability to create real change will attract excellent candidates. It does for many other Canadian schools for half the price.

So why the high salaries?

David Macdonald, an economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said universities are competing against the private sector, where RBC's CEO made $7.56 million last year, instead of the public sector, where Prime Minister Stephen Harper pulled in $327,400.

If university boards believe they need to think like the private sector, who am I to disagree? Besides, that strategy aligns with their revenue models, which depend less and less on government funding and more and more on private sources, mostly tuition fees. Tuition now covers 51 per cent of Ontario university budgets, according to the province's faculty associations. Nationally, according to 2009 stats, they represent 35 per cent of university budgets, up from about 14 per cent in 1989.

But, my question is: What is the bigger vision for our post-secondary institutions? And where is the end game?

Macdonald argues we're already beginning to look like the U.S. (where median compensation for university presidents in 2014 was $478,896, according to one newspaper analysis).

Meanwhile, students from the University of Saskatchewan were protesting high tuition fees last week, conjuring up a dream, some might say, of free post-secondary education.

Other wealthy countries such as Denmark and Germany offer that; it's an idea that's realistic, yet wildly unlikely here.

Too bad. True public higher education — paid for by all of us, available to all of us — is my kind of vision.

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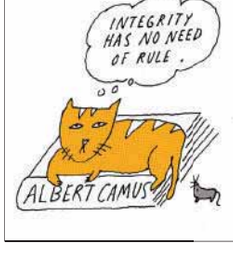

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Get a grip on brolly behaviour on the bus

URBAN ETIQUETTE

How to keep umbrella use right as rain

Ellen Vanstone

Dear Ellen,

Winter is barely over, but I've already found myself about to sit down on the bus only to discover a wet seat caused by a previous passenger placing their umbrella on it. That, and I was almost stabbed by the person in front of me carrying their umbrella under their arm and stopping too quickly. What is the proper etiquette when it comes to commuting with umbrellas?

— Jeff in Vancouver

Dear Jeff,

It is never advisable to sit down on a wet seat on public transit, but at least in your case, we can assume the moisture is pure West Coast rainwater — not that it makes bad umbrella etiquette any less annoying.

Proper procedure with a drippy brolly is to shake it, shake like it's hot, then roll it up, strap it shut and hold it close to you like a cane, tip down toward the floor, while you sit or stand on the bus or train.

Chances are, a few stray drops may dampen your own leg, but if anyone's forced to soak up excess water from an umbrella, let it be the said umbrella's owner.

If you have a purse-size collapsible brolly, and you're OCD enough to have kept the little sleeve it came in, shake the umbrella, bundle it into the sleeve, or a plastic bag, and stuff it into your purse, knapsack or pocket.

As for the jabbing, not only is such behaviour the height of rudeness, it can also be fatal, as in the case of Bulgarian ex-pat Georgi Markov, who was jabbed in the calf by the tip of a passerby's brolly on London's Waterloo Bridge in 1978, and died three days later.

Admittedly, the umbrella that killed Markov contained the deadly poison ricin delivered in a micro-engineered pellet devised by KGB technology.

It's also true that Markov was a particularly sarcastic critic of Iron Curtain Communism. So if you're not a target of Cold War spies and your propensity for sarcasm remains at moderately civil levels, you are likely safe from this kind of murderous umbrella attack.

Still, when jabbed, even unfatally, it is tempting to use your own umbrella as a retaliatory weapon, but it would be very bad manners indeed to thrash a fellow commuter on public transit with your rolled-up umbrella — even if it's the very small, purse-sized model — no matter how much they deserve it.

A simple request is the way to go: "Excuse me, I wonder if you could lower your umbrella a touch?" (taking care not to add, sarcastically or otherwise, "and shove it where the sun don't shine").

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PSYCHOLOGY

Humans designed to weather breakups

Humans are wired to break up and move on, according to a new study drawing on the field of evolutionary psychology.

"Our review of the literature suggests we have a mechanism in our brains designed by natural selection to pull us through a very tumultuous time in our lives," says Brian Boutwell, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice and associate professor of epidemiology at Saint Louis University in the U.S.

Dr. Bountwell focused on the process of breaking up (deemed primary mate ejection for the purposes of the study), and getting over it — which is called secondary mate ejection.

"It suggests people will recover; the pain will go away with time," he says of his research. "There will be a light at the end of the tunnel."

Men are more likely to end relationships if their partner has cheated on them, according to the study, indicating that for evolutionary purposes, men are hard-wired to avoid raising children of whom they are not the biological father.

Women are likely to end relationships if their partner is emotionally unfaithful and this also has evolved for practical reasons, according to the study, which was published in the journal Review of General Psychology.

Mate ejection by females has evolved as a way to avoid the loss of resources, such as physical protection, that their mates provide, says Dr. Boutwell.

Yet men and women have reasons in common for ending a relationship, according to Dr. Boutwell, whose research suggests neither tolerates cruelty.

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Humans are wired to survive loss of love, study shows. ISTOCK

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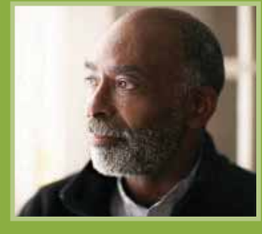

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Jolie wants kids to cause some trouble

AWARDS SHOW

Hollywood's former bad girl offers some sage advice

The traditional green slime flowed at the Kids' Choice Awards, but it was Angelina Jolie's message of empowerment for youngsters that stuck.

Jolie, who has sought to inspire women with public candour about her own health, said that "different is good" as she accepted the favourite villain award Saturday for her movie role as the title character in Maleficent.

When she was young, Jolie said, "I was told I was different. And I felt out of place: too loud, too full of fire, never good at sitting still, never good at fitting in."

"When someone tells you that you are different, smile and hold your head up and be proud," she said, then added with a wink, "Cause a little trouble. It's good for you."

The actress and filmmaker, who disclosed earlier this week that she had undergone additional surgery aimed at preventing cancer, received excited hugs from daughters Shiloh and Zahara when her name was announced.

Other winners at the Nickelodeon channel's fan-voted awards included Emma Stone, who largely escaped its trademark slime when she accepted the best actress award for her role in The Amazing Spider-Man 2, and favourite family TV show Modern Family, whose stars including Jesse Tyler Ferguson didn't get away clean.

Nick Jonas hosted the ceremony, which also honoured the group Fifth Harmony as favourite new artist and Liam Hemsworth and Jennifer Lawrence of The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 as favourite action stars. The film was voted favourite movie.

Angelina Jolie hugs daughters Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt, left, and Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt after winning award for favourite villain for her role in Maleficent at the Kids' Choice Awards.
GETTY IMAGES

> **I was told I was different. And I felt out of place...**
> Angelina Jolie on her youth

Jonas won as favourite male singer but also ended up drenched in the ceremony's trademark green slime, as did Josh Gad (Frozen, Broadway's Book of Mormon), who got slimed by co-presenter Adam Sandler.

Performers included Iggy Azalea with Jennifer Hudson and 5 Seconds of Summer, which ended up taking a goo hit.

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The salesman, eyes twinkling, says, "C'mon, it's just $125 a week to drive this beauty!" But if you fall for this trap it will cost you. ISTOCK

I'm standing in front of a money moron pointing out that he's spending way too much on his vehicle. His response: "It's only $350 biweekly." Lord love a duck! The dude is taking home about $4,000 a month and thinks that spending $700 a month on a vehicle payment is OK.

"So you're OK spending more than a quarter of your income on your car?" I ask, my eyes almost popping out of my head in disbelief. (You've seen my eyes do that, right?)

"What do you mean?" he asks, since by his calculation, he's nowhere near the 25 per cent mark.

"Add in your insurance, your maintenance, your gas," I say, stabbing at the paperwork in front of us, "it comes up to $1,100 a month. That's 27 per cent of your income."

He looks stunned. He had never added it up.

Of course he hadn't. He'd seen that $350 biweekly payment and felt really good about working that into his non-existent budget. And he never thought of the payment in the context of his income. He'd seen a payment of $350 and thought, "I can have this great car for $350!"

The biweekly or weekly payment is the latest trend in payment positioning in the car biz. You can make just about any payment amount palatable if you break it down enough. The salesman looks at you, a twinkle in his eye, and says, "If you take the loan for 84 months, you can have that beautiful vehicle for just $125 a week."

Zoom! Zoom! You can do $125 a week, right? C'mon, it's just $125 a week to drive this beauty!

Back to my money moron.

"I have more bad news for you, buddy. Have you added up what this vehicle is going to cost you by the time you've paid it off?"

"No," he says sheepishly. Why would he do that? He doesn't want to know what the interest is going to add to the cost of the vehicle? He just needs to know how small he can make the payment.

"OK," I say, "that's the next step." I give him a calculator and say, "Multiply the $45,000 you dropped on this baby by the six per cent you're paying on your loan. Then divide by 12 to get the monthly interest. What do you get?"

He pushes the buttons on the calculator and comes up smiling. "$225," he says, confident that he's done it right.

> **You can make just about any payment amount palatable if you break it down enough.**

"How long is the loan?"

"72 months," says he.

"Since the interest is calculated on a declining balance, we're going to use 68 months for this calculation. Multiply $225 by 70 months."

He pushes more buttons and says, "$15,750."

"So you'll have paid over $60,000 for that $45,000 car!"

He's surprised. He'd never thought about adding the financing cost into the purchase price to see what the car was actually going to cost.

Now that we have, he has the decency to look chagrined.

"Assuming, of course, you drive that puppy for six years."

Car salespeople have another nifty trick up their sleeves when it comes to making you feel better about being a money moron.

If you run out of car before you run out of payment they're happy to roll what you owe to the new vehicle they're selling you. They call what you still owe "negative equity."

Don't be fooled by the word "equity." You don't have any, thus the word "negative." Translated into English, "negative equity" equals "debt."

So now that you've taken a too-long loan, and the loan has outlasted the vehicle, why don't you take some of that debt you haven't yet paid off and wrap it around your new car loan, driving up the new car cost even further?

Why not? C'mon, it'll get you into a snappy new vehicle for just $125 a week if you take the loan for eight years. It's a deal!

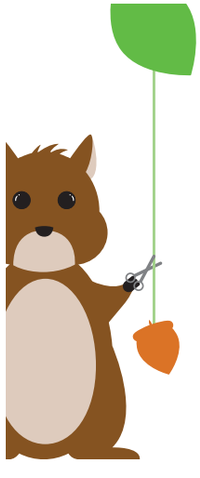
Buying a vehicle is a big expense. If you extend the loan payments past 48 months, you're buying more vehicle than you can afford.

Don't fool yourself by going for one of those massively long loan periods. You're deluding yourself and you'll end up paying way more than the vehicle is worth.

If you haven't added the loan cost to the cost of the vehicle so you know what that sweet ride will end up costing you, you're being an ostrich.

"Get rid of the car," I say, "you can't afford it."

His mate looks over at me triumphant. She told him not to buy that car, but he'd gone ahead and done it anyway. Money morons aren't particularly good listeners!



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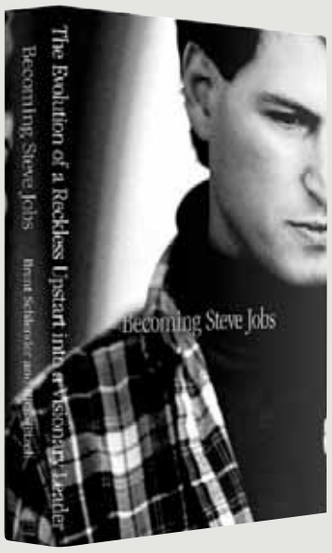

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This rather affectionate account of Steve Jobs' life puts a strong focus on his spiritual side while portraying his infamously acerbic moods as a "bundle of contradictions" that was often channeled to "good use." It's a thorough telling, full of new photos and anecdotes, but offers few revelations.

GAMING

Bloodborne

• PlayStation 4
• Rating: Mature 17+

Progress is very hard to come by in Bloodborne, a macabre Victorian combat adventure intentionally designed with a confusing and punishing difficulty where you die and reset over and over, doomed to repeat the same sequences again and again. Some may enjoy the challenge, but most will find it frustrating.

APP

myHealthPal Take Control

• iPhone
• Free

Designed to help those with long-term health concerns manage their condition, this journal uses interactive tests and questionnaires to track symptoms, medication, diet, exercise and mood. Creator Mike Barlow has Parkinson's and encourages users to donate their app results as anonymized data for partnered research programs.

While autonomous cars could cut down on incidents of drunk driving and increase leisure time, drivers still have their doubts about the technology. SHUTTERSTOCK

TRENDS

People aren't sold on self-driving cars

Although many can accept that autonomous vehicles could cut accidents caused by drunk driving or distractions and even increase productivity and leisure time, one third of U.S. adults say that they would never consider buying or leasing one. Truly autonomous vehicles may well be some 20 years away from becoming an everyday reality, but the buzz around the technology has already reached deafening levels. To understand how this increasing media coverage is impacting consumer opinions, Harris Poll has surveyed a representative sample of 2,276 U.S. adults and the results are surprising. Even though a number of active assist systems are already appearing on cars, including park and traffic jam assist features, there is no consensus on this breakthrough. Just under one in five feel that self-driving cars are "insanely cool" and 22 per cent would go as far as to say it's a technology they'd love to have, but 12 per cent say that the whole subject is just "confusing."

As for perceived benefits and drawbacks, the computing power needed to take over driving responsibilities is weighing heavy on some people's minds — 80 per cent think that computer 'glitches' are going to be an issue and 37 per cent are concerned about personal data breaches. AFP

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Lawyer eager to put Bieber in the hot seat

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Singer facing civil lawsuit over alleged assault in limo

The lawyer for a limousine driver who has launched a civil lawsuit against Justin Bieber says he is "looking forward to the opportunity of cross-examining" the Canadian pop star in court.

Clayton Ruby, the lawyer for Abdul Mohar, has filed documents in an Ontario court that allege that Bieber assaulted his client during an incident in December 2013.

Ruby says he does "not make allegations lightly" and intends to prove them in court.

"His lawyer said he wasn't present, it wasn't him," Ruby said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity of cross-examining Mr. Bieber on his non-presence or indeed his non-existence."

Bieber's lawyer, Brian Greenspan, said in a emailed statement that the civil claim against his client is "totally without merit."

Mohar is seeking $850,000 in damages and a permanent injunction preventing Bieber or anyone representing him from coming within 100 metres of him, according to the statement of claim filed on Friday.

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ALLEGATIONS

The alleged incident occurred in the early morning of Dec. 30, 2013, when Bieber and five other people were picked up by Mohar, who was working as an Uber driver, at a Toronto nightclub.

The lawyer for a limo driver suing Justin Bieber says he is looking forward to cross-examining the singer. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

HIP HOP

Dre's biopic drama

The N.W.A. biopic Straight Outta Compton hits theatres later this year, and apparently that might not have happened if Dr. Dre had originally gotten his way. The music mogul and founding member of the groundbreaking rap group admits during an interview with L.A. radio station Real 92.3 that he was initially against the idea of dramatizing the group's journey.

"I was worried about it at the beginning. As a matter of fact, I didn't even want to do the movie," Dre says. "I was nervous about putting a blemish on our legacy. The story had to be told right."

Luckily, Ice Cube talked him into it: "He went out and got the first draft of the script done, I read it and was like, 'OK, we can work with this.'"

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PRIVATE CLUB

Kim a no-go at Soho

I thought I wanted a Soho House membership before, but now I really, really want one. The private club's Los Angeles outpost just celebrated its fifth birthday, and to mark the occasion, a former membership director is spilling the beans on which big names have been turned away from its cushy confines.

"We denied access to every Real Housewife who applied," Tim Geary tells the Hollywood Reporter. "Kim Kardashian has unsuccessfully tried numerous times. Kobe Bryant showed up and chose not to join. We didn't let him up. There was debate over Britney Spears. Not sure how that played out. We tried not to give membership to people who would fuel paparazzi or bring press." This place sounds amazing. NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

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Doctors have duty to warn: Experts

MENTAL HEALTH

A look at the responsibilities of a person who fears risk to the public

Emerging evidence in the investigation into Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz is raising suspicions he may have suffered from mental health problems which he hid from his employer.

And that, in turn, is raising questions of whether a mental health professional has a duty to warn authorities if he or she thinks a patient is likely to be a threat to others — in the workplace or elsewhere.

The short answer to that question is yes.

Let's take a look at this issue:

Candles are lit to remember the victims of the Germanwings Airbus flight on Saturday. The tragedy is raising questions of whether mental health professionals have a duty to warn authorities if they think a patient is likely to be a threat to others. THOMAS LOHNES/GETTY IMAGES

What is the evidence that suggests Lubitz had mental health problems?

It's early in the investigation, and information could change. But German media are reporting the co-pilot had been treated for depression. And The New York Times is reporting that among Lubitz's papers were several doctors notes stating he was too ill to work, including one for the day he seems to have deliberately crashed the plane he was co-piloting.

If Lubitz was under the care of a mental health professional, was that person duty-bound to warn authorities if it appeared Lubitz posed a risk to his airline's passengers?

Psychiatrists, like other medical professionals, are bound by laws of confidentiality. They must keep private the information they learn from their patients. That said, courts have ruled that at times the duty to a patient is superseded by the duty to warn or protect others.

What have the courts said in Canada?

Here the rules are guided by a Supreme Court decision from 1999 in a case called Smith vs. Jones. A psychiatrist, John Smith, did a psychiatric evaluation at the behest of the defence lawyers for James Jones, accused of aggravated sexual assault. During the session, Jones disclosed plans to kidnap, rape and kill prostitutes.

Smith applied to the courts for the right to disclose the confidential information. Lawyers for Jones attempted to block Smith. The case ended up before the Supreme Court of Canada, which ruled that doctor-patient confidentiality is not absolute and may have to be breached if there is a danger to the public.

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IS A SICK NOTE ENOUGH?

Andreas Lubitz

No, says Dr. Jeff Daskalakis, chief of the mood and anxiety division at the Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Daskalakis says if a doctor felt the pilot wasn't well enough to work, that doctor should have informed the airline.

"If you feel that there's a remote risk that this person has any kind of violent ideas and they're flying a plane, then I think it's essential ... to contact and notify the right authorities to make sure that both the person *and* the people that this person is responsible for are safe."

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Dear Metro,

My boss recently suggested I might want to "reconsider" my tongue ring. She didn't tell me to remove it — but she strongly hinted it might be better for my career. (Our business is client-based and somewhat conservative.) I want to advance at work, but I also don't want to give up my piercing quite yet. How can I maintain my look without holding myself back at work?

— Biting My Tongue

Dear BMT,

What's less appealing: compromising your style or compromising your professional potential? Since there's no hard rule against your jewel, it's up to you to assess this trade-off.

If you're not ready to part with your piercing, disguise it. You could remove your barbell during office hours, or get a clear retainer to wear at work. And definitely don't play with it during meetings.

To help make your choice, consider why you want to keep your ring. Whatever you decide, ditching your piercing may mean giving up an accessory — but it doesn't mean giving up yourself. Your jewelry is not your identity.

Dear Metro,

I am not a morning person. During my commute to work, I'm usually half awake. Which is why I always dread running into co-workers on the bus to our office. They want to chat — I just want a few minutes of quiet before the workday begins. Is there any way to avoid morning small talk without seeming like a grouch?

— No Fun Before 9

Dear NFB9,

Can't cope with your colleagues' a.m. energy? Arm yourself with conversation-crushing distractions. When Barb yells yoo-hoo from the other end of the train, smile and wave — but don't remove your headphones. Alternately, get absorbed (or at least act absorbed) in some sort of consuming diversion: a book, a video game, needlepoint — anything that requires focused solo concentration. The key is to acknowledge your co-workers' presence without taking the convo further than "hello."

Extra-chirpy early birds, however, can be extra hard to dodge. In these cases, be nice, but brief. Smile and nod as Kent recaps the previous night's episode of Storage Wars. Laugh politely at Jenny's anecdote about her dog. Don't aim to match their energy. Instead, be passively polite. Make your outside look receptive while your inside begs for coffee.

And if you need an evasion scheme that's more complete, pretend to be asleep.

TECHNOLOGY

Packing peanuts power up

Scientists have discovered a new technology that converts polystyrene packing peanuts into high-performance carbon electrodes to make lithium-ion batteries.

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What they got was a potential eco-friendly application for the mass amounts of packaging waste generated around the world. AFP

Scientists have discovered how to put packing peanuts to good use. ISTOCK

HEALTH

Surgical robotics get boost

U.S. health care giant Johnson & Johnson announced plans Friday to collaborate with Google on surgical robotics.

The two companies said in a statement they would work "to create an innovative robotic-assisted surgical platform capable of integrating advanced technologies with the goal of improving health care delivery in the operating room." AFP

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Canada rebounds vs. Russia in Malmo

Canada bounced back from a loss to start the women's world hockey championship with a 4-0 victory over Russia on Sunday.

Courtney Birchard and Caroline Ouellette each had a goal and an assist to pace Canada, who fell 4-2 to defending champion United States to open the tournament Saturday in Malmo, Sweden.

Captain Marie-Philip Poulin and defender Laura Fortino also scored for Canada. Ann-Renee Desbiens earned the 19-save shutout in her first career start for the national team.

Canada wraps up pool play Tuesday against Finland.

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IN BRIEF

Real Salt Lake buries TFC on 89th-minute goal

Jordan Allen scored in the 89th minute and Real Salt Lake picked up its first win of the season, beating Toronto FC 2-1 on Sunday.

The 19-year-old's header from close range came off a feed from Javier Morales from the right wing.

It came just a minute after Toronto tied it at 1 on a Jackson goal.

Toronto (1-2-0) was missing Jozy Altidore and Michael Bradley, who were carrying out U.S. national team duties.

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Spartans work OT to shock Cardinals

NCAA BASKETBALL

Seventh seed advances to face Duke in Final Four

Coach Tom Izzo and the Michigan State Spartans capped an improbable run to the Final Four with an overtime win.

Senior guard Travis Trice scored 17 points and the seventh-seeded Spartans clamped down on defence to pull out a 76-70 victory over fourth-seeded Louisville in a thrilling NCAA Tournament East Regional final Sunday.

The Spartans (28-11), who were nearly counted out of the tournament conversation in February, won for the 12th time in 15 games. It's a run that included them knocking off second-seeded Virginia last weekend and third-seeded Oklahoma in the regional semifinal on Friday.

Michigan State advances to face Duke.

Wayne Blackshear had 28 points for the Cardinals (27-9) in a game that featured 11 lead changes.

It's the ninth Final Four appearance for the Spartans, and first since 2010, when they lost 52-50 to Butler in the national semifinals. Izzo has led them to seven Final Fours including the 2000 national championship.

The Spartans did it with perseverance and with a roster that was regarded as having less talent than the team that lost in the regional final to Connecticut a year ago. Michigan State lost three of its top four scorers.

"Everybody doubted us. Everybody had us down and out," said junior forward Denzel Valentine, who had 15 points. "They didn't have us making the tournament. We just kept strong. We believe in ourselves."

Trice was so elated and drained following the victory that he fell to his knees at centre court and began sobbing. He was joined by his teammates and members of his family.

Later on Sunday, first-seeded Duke defeated Gonzaga 66-52 to win the South Regional.

It will be the Blue Devils' 16th Final Four appearance. Coach Mike Krzyzewski is going to the Final Four for the 12th time, matching UCLA's John Wooden for the most by a head coach and five more than anyone else.

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FINAL FOUR

The undefeated Kentucky Wildcats (38-0) will take on the Wisconsin Badgers (35-3) on Saturday.

Michigan State's Branden Dawson, left, and Gavin Schilling converge on Louisville's Mangok Mathiang on Sunday in Syracuse, N.Y. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

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Jagr pulls rug out from under Senators

NHL

Panthers creep up on Ottawa after ageless wonder's pair

The Ottawa Senators have gone from nearly unbeatable to beaten.

Jaromir Jagr had two goals and Dan Ellis made 25 saves on Sunday as the Florida Panthers defeated the Senators 4-2, handling them their third straight loss after a stretch that saw them win 15 of 17 games and collect points in 16 of them.

The win pulled the Panthers (35-26-15) to within a single point of Ottawa (37-26-12) for ninth in the Eastern Conference. The Boston Bruins currently hold down the eighth and final playoff spot in the East, three points up on the Senators following a 2-1 overtime win over the Carolina Hurricanes Sunday.

"They have to be able to fight their way through it," Senators coach Dave Cameron.

"We've been pushing and have had a lot of Game 7's lately and it's probably taking it's toll. It's that time of year."

Jussi Jokinen and Dave Bolland also scored for the Panthers.

Erik Karlsson and Jean-Gabriel Pageau found the back of the net for the Senators while Craig Anderson made 33 saves.

Trailing 2-0 entering the third period, Karlsson got the Sens on the board with a power-play goal at 4:43.

Karlsson took a shot from the point that found its way through four bodies and past Ellis.

After drawing Anderson out of the net with a fake shot, Jagr scored his second goal of the game at 13:57 on a wraparound to give the Panthers a 3-1 lead.

"It's our line's job to score goals and luckily we did it," Jagr said. "This was a Game 7 for us and now we have to get ready for the Next Game 7 against Boston (on Tuesday)."

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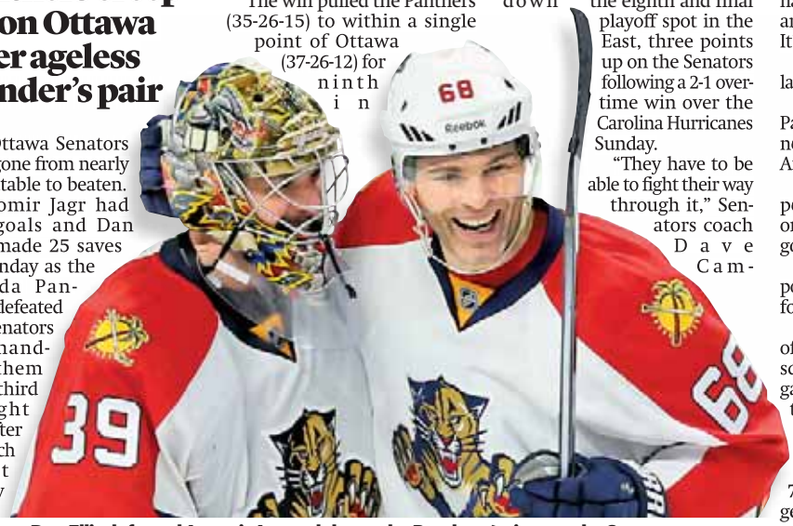

Panthers Dan Ellis, left, and Jaromir Jagr celebrate the Panthers' win over the Senators on Sunday in Ottawa. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

LeBron leads Cavaliers to ugly win over Sixers

LeBron James scored 20 points, Kyrie Irving added 17 and the Cleveland Cavaliers hung on for an 87-86 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday. The Cavaliers earned their 16th straight home win despite being scoreless in the final 4:04.

Houston a problem for Wiz

One game after clinching a playoff berth, the Rockets delayed the Wizards' bid to secure their own spot, beating Washington 99-91 Sunday behind James Harden's 24 points. Houston entered the day third in the Western Conference, a half-game behind No. 2 Memphis.

Jimenez shuts down Jays

Ubaldo Jimenez pitched six solid innings, leading a split-squad of Baltimore Orioles to a 4-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday.

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"It's pure talent. But what that translates into, we don't know yet."

Toronto manager John Gibbons said he believes this year's Blue Jays are the most talented he's ever had coming out of spring training.

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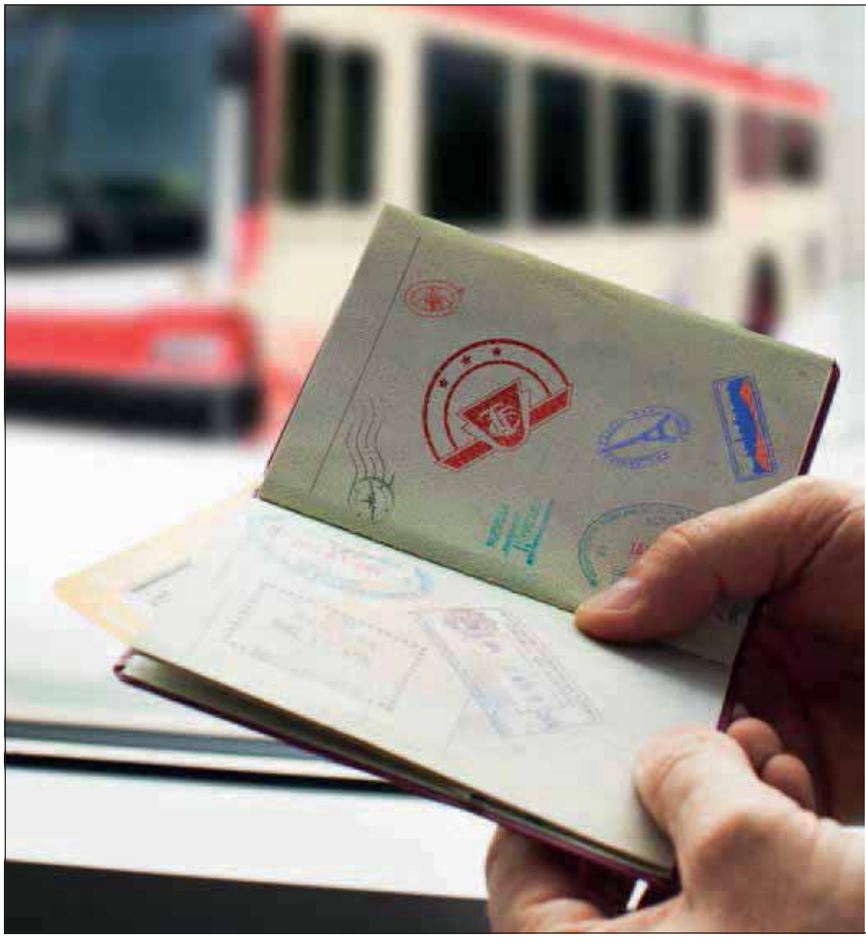

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Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the lasagna noodles and cook for about 8 minutes or until the noodles are just tender. Drain and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

3. Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray, add the oil, onion, garlic and mushrooms and sauté for 8 minutes or just until the mushrooms are no longer wet. Add the spinach and allow the spinach to wilt, about 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses, mustard, salt and pepper.

4. Place the mixture in the bowl of a food processor and pulse on and off until it is uniformly chopped.

5. Pour 1 cup of the tomato sauce into a 9- x 13-inch casserole dish. Spread about 1/4 cup of the cheese mixture along the length of each sheet. Roll up each noodle and cut in half. Place in baking dish with the ruffled side of lasagna facing up. Pour the remaining 1/3 cup of the tomato sauce over and sprinkle with the grated mozzarella cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes or just until hot.

Ingredients
- 8 lasagna noodles
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 3 cups chopped mushrooms
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach
- 3/4 cup light ricotta (5%)
- 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 1/3 cups tomato sauce, divided
- 3 Tbsp shredded mozzarella cheese

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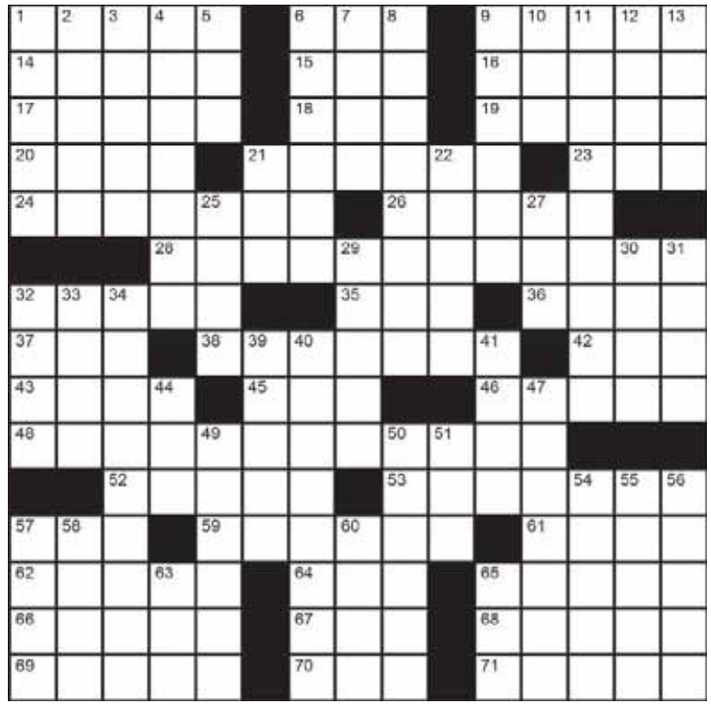

ACROSS
1. Persnickety people
6. Computer co.
9. Stands
14. _'__ Supreme (French) = The Supreme Being (English)
15. Writing guidebook, ___ Style Manual
16. Tennis great Chris
17. The Writers' __ of Canada
18. Little, in Lyon
19. Captain Nemo creator Jules
20. 'Soups' lister
21. Jason __, Matt Damon role
23. Web connector [abbr.]
24. The __ (Trendy area of Toronto)
26. Ancient Greek colony
28. Twisty treat at Tim Hortons: 2 wds.
32. Movie star Willem
35. Purpose
36. Mr. Day, "American Idol" Season 1 competitor
37. There: Latin
38. Most genuine
42. Latin for 'eggs'
43. Brand for foamy toys
45. "Begone!"
46. Foil-like weapons
48. Manitoba's provincial bird: 3 wds.
52. Short
53. Greek alphabet's fifth letter
57. Cool __ cucumber
59. Look around the store
61. Chocolate bar brand
62. Singer, Frankie __
64. Plunder
65. Respect rules
66. "There's __ few left." ...observed the shopper
67. Actor Mr. Gulager
68. Actor Tim
69. __ up (Becomes smarter)
70. Tiny amphibian
71. Got gossip

DOWN
1. Eve of "The Brady Bunch"
2. Ms. Zellweger
3. _, __ (Music legend Ms. Turner's autobiography)
4. Marx Brothers brother
5. Ott. hockey player
6. Be a demanding guest
7. Sky's colour, en francais
8. Quebec: La __ National Park
9. ARC = Agence du __ du Canada
10. 'Select' suffix
11. "Mistake": Hit for what Canadian rock band?: 2 wds.
12. Coastal birds
13. Process piece
21. Mr. Affleck
22. Averages
25. Tiller
27. 'Project' suffix
29. Conference of 1945 of the Big Three
30. House's gutter locale
31. Scandinavian rugs
32. Kitchen timer sound!
33. Berliner's 'but'
34. "Sugar Shack" by Jimmy Gilmer & The __
39. Urging-on person
40. 'A' and 'F' of RCAF: 2 wds.
41. __ Falls (Tallest waterfall in Hamilton)
44. Not near
47. Ductile
49. Leg bones
50. "I realize that, however...": 2 wds.
51. Poet's 'not closed'
54. Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
55. Decree
56. "There's __ __ in sight!"
57. Profess
58. __-Flush
60. Howling hunter
63. Caustic solution
65. "Interesting!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You seem to be working harder than ever but not getting much to show for it. Don't worry. The Sun in your sign means you are guaranteed some sort of return on the efforts you are making.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are trying to make sense of something that makes no sense at all, so it is no wonder you are getting frustrated. Some puzzles are best left unsolved.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The consequences of something you did weeks and maybe even months ago will catch up with you over the next few days. Chances are it will be quite enjoyable.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It isn't enough that you just feel confident, you must apply that confidence and get important things done. Both in your personal life and at work there are changes that need to be made.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
No one has the right to tell you what to believe or what to do and anyone who tries will feel the rough edge of your tongue. Better you go too far than let them think you are an easy touch.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Nothing truly happens by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today you will be able to make sense of something that leaves others baffled.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Is there some overall goal you are working towards in life? If not, now is the time to decide who or what you should devote yourself to — besides yourself, of course!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It won't be long before you look back at something that is causing you grief and realize how unimportant it was. Get over it and give yourself a break.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You can turn almost any situation to your advantage now but don't get carried away and take on someone who is obviously several leagues above you on the power ladder.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Work hard early in the day because the afternoon and evening will bring social opportunities you won't want to miss. Don't burden yourself with unnecessary deadlines.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you don't tell the absolute truth about yourself today you will regret it later in the week when your evasive tactics are revealed for the world to see. Put everything in the public domain.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It does not matter that you have made some kind of mistake, what matters is that you learn from it. Don't be too stubborn to admit that you got it wrong, it's no big deal. You are human like everyone else.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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